

## TELEPHONE GIRL SEARCHES THIEF IN SUBWAY TRAIN

Gets Purse Back and in Court  
Youth Confesses He  
Robbed Her.

SHE'S A REAL ATHLETE.

Her Prisoner Is Held for Trial  
That Magistrate Recom-  
mends Mercy.

Although it made her late for her duties in the Columbus Telephone Exchange, Miss Frances Cleaver of No. 40 East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, nineteen and pretty, was in the West Side Court this morning with her widowed mother, whose sole support she is. When the clerk called the case of Benjamin Feldman, a lean youth, dark and nervous, who led before Magistrate Levy, and Miss Cleaver walked to the bench.

The girl told her last night she had felt a tug at her pocket as she alighted from a local subway train at Seventy-second street to get an express for the Bronx. She discovered that her purse was gone. In it was only 2 cents, but a week ago a pickpocket had got \$10 from her and she was mad clear through.

"My pocket had been picked," she shouted, seizing the collar of a youth who was edging through the crowd. She didn't ask for help because she didn't need it. Miss Cleaver is of athletic build and her grip was so firm that when the man pulled away he left his collar and tie in the girl's hand. In an instant she had another hold on him.

"If some honest men in the crowd will help me," she pleaded, "I'll take care of it," called Miss Cleaver. Several men hustled away those who were looking at her and left the girl free to handle her captive.

"He's got my purse," she said to the crowd, "and I'll prove it."

She went toward the young man's pockets until at last she pulled her own small purse from an inside pocket. There was no difference on the platform and as the express train pulled in, then Miss Cleaver gave her prisoner a yank and dragged him into one of the cars. The story of her courage was told all through the train, the motorman blew his whistle and when the cars stopped at Ninety-sixth street Detective Burns of the West One Hundred and thirty-seventh street station was waiting.

In the police station on the youth said he was Benjamin Feldman, seventeen, of No. 124 East Tenth street. In court the young man was defiant at first, declaring that he hadn't taken the girl's purse and that if it had been found in his pocket some one must have put it there. When Magistrate Levy admonished him to tell the truth he began a fearful story of his own misfortunes, ending up by admitting that he had taken the purse but only because he was alone in the world, was hungry and had not the money to pay \$2.50 rent due last night.

"I've been a thief four months. Your Honor," he wailed, "but it's only because my parents died and there was no one to care for me. I've got a sister but I haven't seen her for seven years. I live alone and my rent was due and all I had was 50 cents. I was hungry, too, when I saw this girl put her purse in her outside pocket, and I took it. I've stolen just four purses, but I never took one unless I was hungry and couldn't get money any other way."

Magistrate Levy held him for Special Sessions, though on the papers he indorsed a recommendation for mercy.

"HUGGER," GIRL CHARGED:  
"FIGHTER," SAID POLICEMAN

And Prisoner Says He Was Merely  
Lost on His Way to New  
Home in Bronx.

"Please protect me from that man. He just threw his arms around me and mumbled something," exclaimed a girl who ran up to Policeman Murphy at Houston Road and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, Bronx, at 1:30 o'clock this morning. The girl said she was a night telephone operator on her way home and did not want to make a complaint, but merely to be protected.

Murphy approached the man, who opened fight. Murphy went down from a kick in the stomach and his assailant seized his club and beat him with it. Murphy, who is big and powerful, regained his feet, and finally getting the club back, knocked his opponent senseless with a blow.

Murphy's prisoner, Paul Blanke, a hotel man of No. 2138 Clinton avenue, Bronx, was arraigned before Magistrate Kernohan in Morrisania Court. His wife, Barbara, and his two children, Paul Jr., five years old, and Margaret, four, were in court. Blanke had been charged with intoxication and disorderly conduct, but he assured the Magistrate he never touched liquor. He said he had not grabbed the girl, but might have brushed against her. He had lost his way, he said, having lived in the Bronx only four days, and the grumbling the girl heard consisted of his grumbling at his misfortune.

The Magistrate was impressed by the man's story and his wife's testimony of his sobriety. He found Blanke guilty, postponed sentence until he could receive a report from his probation officer.

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## DRESS FOR AMERICAN WOMEN

First Article of a series.

### M. Jacques Worth of Paris Describes What Is to Be Worn and How to Wear It

**The Narrow, Draped Skirt  
Will Be the Favorite Ex-  
clusive Model—Waist  
Will Be Three-quarter  
—Sleeves Will Remain  
Small—Low Collars  
Will Be Generally Worn.**

**Slit Skirt and Extreme  
Hobble Tabooed by the  
House of Worth—Cor-  
sets Not to Be Discarded  
—Women Are Not Go-  
ing to Wear Trousers,  
Hoops or Balloon  
Sleeves.**

**Marguerite Mooers Marshall.**  
Jacques Worth of the House of Worth, which dictates the dress of American women and indeed of all civilized women, has just arrived to pay his first visit to New York.

And the sartorial prophecy and philosophy of Jacques Worth, as he unfolded them for me, should be of tremendous interest to the feminine half of New York. In a series of articles for The Evening World he discusses what to wear and how to wear it as only he, a member of his family is able to do. He is the grandson of the man who went to France as a boy of sixteen and founded the House of Worth, and his uncle, Jean, is the present head of the famous costume house. Its influence may be traced not only in the wardrobes of wealthy women, but in the styles we all adopt, down to the unpretentious ready-made copy.

The first questions I put to M. Worth concerned the ever-absorbing problem of what "they" are going to wear this spring and summer. Here are a few of the most interesting announcements M. Worth had to make for those who are purchasing their new outfits:

"The narrow, draped skirt will be the favorite exclusive model, preserving the long, slim lines of the figure and eliminating hips."

"The waist line will not be high up under the bust, nor will it be quite natural, but just between the two extremes—what we call the three-quarter."

"Sleeves will remain small and the long sleeve, hanging loose from the shoulder and ending in a point, will be popular for evening wear."

"Low collars will be generally worn."

"But what about the slit skirt?" I inquired. "So many women are wearing it in New York."

M. Worth leaned back and his naturally arched brows described a yet more parabolic curve, also his double set of extraordinarily wide and regular teeth showed in a fleeting smile.

"The House of Worth, never made the extreme hobble. How could we? It is so ugly, so ungraceful, so utterly impossible, binding the feet of the wearer in such a way that harmonious movement is out of the question. She had to walk this way,"—and M. Worth executed a plucky little shuffle of his elegantly pointed toes, which had been curled up under the rounds of his chair. He is much taller than the average Frenchman, also much slimmer—not a bit the "bon papa" comedy type. However, he has his full force of national politeness. I know, for he talked to me in the Plaza lobby, though he was yearning both for breakfast and for a shave. It is a moment when the average man reverts to primitive savagery.

**THE HOUSE OF WORTH DOESN'T  
MAKE THE SLIT SKIRT.**

"We do not make the slit skirt," he enunciated, the emphasis on the royal pronoun quiet, yet marked. "But I do not wonder that it is worn by some. What else was there to do when the hobble skirt was worn so tight as to prevent all movement?"

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**BUT THE NARROW SKIRT WILL  
BE WORN.**

"But the narrow skirt," he resumed after his imitation of a hobble-lit, "the narrow skirt is charming. It will be worn for a long time to come because it makes a woman look slender. Properly cut and draped, it makes even a stout woman more personable than she could be in any other sort of dress."

"I think that the American woman has naturally the loveliest figure of any woman in the world. She is tall and long of limb, with sloping shoulders and narrow hips. She has a beautiful neck and arms. I believe that she can wear beautiful clothes more beautifully than the women of any other land, and I prefer to dress her. Even the American shopgirl is charming."

"Of course there are exceptions. I saw a stout lady of—let us say sixty—in Fifth avenue. She wore a narrow skirt slashed up to her knees, her body cut out down to here," and M. Worth laid a long, exquisitely manicured finger on the spot where his belt buckle would have been if he wore one. "She had a little hat pinned on one side of her head. And yet she had paid a great deal of money for the clothes she was wearing. Sometimes we have to do that," he added, with a rueful, apologetic grin. "But we don't like to."

"Yet you said you were going to introduce more daring clothes than ever this coming season," I remarked. "I never, never said such a thing!" he exclaimed, indignantly. "Worth has been, will always be, conservative. It is true," he conceded, after a moment.



**SCULPTOR BRENNER,  
DESIGNER OF LINCOLN  
PENNY, IS TO BE WED**

**His Bride Will Be Miss Anna  
Reed, Settlement Worker  
on the East Side.**

Victor David Brenner, sculptor and designer of the Lincoln penny and the Panama Canal medal, was surprised to learn to-day, in his studio at No. 30 West Twentieth street, that his engagement to Miss Anna Reed of this city was no longer a secret.

He emerged from behind a bronze tablet of Washington Irving, which is to be unveiled to-morrow at the opening of the Washington Irving High School, at Irving place and Sixteenth street, and threaded his way through a crowd of admirers and admirers.

"I thought the only people that knew we were to be married were Miss Reed and myself," he said. "We are to be married in June and it is to be a very quiet wedding."

"To save you asking the question," continued the sculptor, "I will add that we have known each other for only a short time, and that it was love at first sight. We met—and that was all there was to it. Romance is not all in the lives of the young fellows of twenty-one."

M. Brenner has been well known in this city as a sculptor for twenty years. "Anyway, if you are an artist or a sculptor, you are always twenty-one," he said.

Miss Reed is supervisor of the Recreation Rooms and Settlement on Christie street. Before taking up settlement work on the east side she had had experience of the same sort in Pittsburgh and in Worcester, Mass., where she first became interested in social studies while at Clark University.

Miss Reed was even more surprised to hear that her engagement had become known.

"That's one of the penalties attached to marrying a celebrity," she said. "I had hoped we could keep it a secret, because I am very much interested in my work in this settlement and I want to do it quietly and without publicity."

**KIEL MAYOR OF ST. LOUIS.**

Republican Candidate Has Plurality of 2,130 Over Democrats.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 2.—Complete returns from the Mayoralty election here yesterday give Henry W. Kiel, Republican, a plurality of 2,130 over Dr. John H. Simon, Democrat. Frank H. Gerhart, Progressive, whose candidacy had been endorsed by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, received 4,811 votes in a total of about 126,000, the largest ever cast in a St. Louis municipal election. The Socialist candidate received more than 6,000 votes.

The Democrats elected a majority of the House of Delegates and most of their candidates for council. The Republican strength among the body's councilmen, however, assures that party control of the upper House, which must pass on the Mayor's appointments.

**BURNS SAILS TO GET  
MUSICA CASE EVIDENCE.**

To Scour Europe in Hair Goods Swindle Case—Others Who Sailed on Mauretania.

Among the passengers who sailed on the Mauretania at 1 o'clock this morning were William J. Burns, the detective, who is going to Paris, London, Berlin and St. Petersburg to gather data in the case of the Musica swindle of swindling banks, hundreds of thousands of dollars recently. Other passengers were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Lord and Lady Poulet, Earl of Suffolk and Lady Suffolk, N. G. Winter of Canada, Hugh U. J. Christ, Colin Campbell, Mrs. Arnold Daily, wife of the actor, and W. Earl and Mrs. Dodge.

## SUFFRAGISTS SELL PLAYING CARDS TO HELP "THE CAUSE"

Get Out Special Make of  
Pasteboards for "Votes-for-  
Women" Poker Parties.

SHOCKS "MOSSBACKS."

More Conservative Suffragettes  
Object to Plan, but the  
Progressives Prevail.

Woman Suffrage is about to invade the last stronghold of the retreating male, the stag poker party. Beginning May 1 specially designed "Votes for Women" playing cards will be offered for sale by the Woman Suffrage Party and advance orders at 5 cents a pack or \$17.50 a hundred are already being filled. As yet no chips are being supplied, but when the progressive spirit in charge of the new suffrage plan learn of the advantages that might result from inscribing "Votes for Women" on the red, blue and white emblems of the national game, this omission will undoubtedly be rectified and strictly suffrage poker will be possible to all who desire it.

What Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone and other pioneers of suffrage would think of this latest scheme to advertise the cause is occasioning some worry to older members of the party, but the younger element snags its fingers at the "mossbacks," and the following letter has been sent to all persons or places liable to need playing cards by the executive secretary of the Woman Suffrage party, Elizabeth L. Sherwood:

"Dear Sir (or Madam): We have ordered a large supply of playing cards especially designed in yellow, black and white, with a most attractive lettering of the suffrage motto, 'Votes for Women,' which will be delivered on or before May 1, and we anticipate a ready sale for them. The regular wholesale rate will be \$17.50 a hundred, but for advance orders sent in before April 15 we are making a special price of \$15 a hundred. How many can you use and at what figure?"

(Signed)  
"ELIZABETH L. SHERWOOD,  
Executive Secretary."

Among the recipients of the letter offering the suffrage motto on playing cards is Gus Ruhlin, whose action in selling suffrage literature over the bar of her husband's saloon started a big row in the suffrage ranks some years ago. At that time, Ruhlin got up a boxing benefit for the cause, which was much criticized.

"I am glad the suffragists are beginning to wake up," Mrs. Ruhlin remarked to-day. "Two years ago they objected to suffrage literature on the bar. Now they are getting out suffrage playing cards. Pretty soon, maybe, there'll be a suffrage cocktail. Next Friday I'm giving another boxing benefit in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory for the flood sufferers, and I hope some of the suffrage mottoes will be written on them. They may sell a lot of playing cards if they do."

**POWDER HOUSE BLOWS UP;  
TWO VICTIMS' LIVES SAVED.**

Workmen Crawl Through Flames and Drag Out Foreman and Helper Caught in Explosion.

An explosion of the wet-mixer house of the Dupont-Nemours gunpowder plant at Wayne, N. J., to-day, destroyed the building and injured Foreman William Spermow and Peter Hicks, Spermow's leg was broken in a similar explosion a year ago. To-day his leg was badly burned.

The cause of the explosion is not known. There was little noise, but a blast of flame was driven through the joists and windows. Four of the men working under Spermow got out with slight scorching, and covering their heads and hands with wet cloths crawled in and saved the lives of the two men who had been caught.

**SHOULDER AS AMBULANCE.**

Motorman Runs to Hospital With Conductor Injured on Car.

Thomas Mulligan of No. 306 West One Hundred and Eleventh street, conductor of a Columbus avenue open car, leaped too far from the running board Broadway and Columbus avenue to-day and his head struck an "L" pillar. Theodore Murphy, the motorman, stopped the car at the shouts of passengers.

Murphy tucked his controller handle in his pocket and threw Mulligan over his shoulder and carried him to Roosevelt Hospital, at Fifty-ninth street. Murphy ran back to his car. Traffic had been blocked only a few minutes. Mulligan's scalp was badly cut and he was suffering from a slight concussion of the brain.

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GIRL ATHLETE WHO  
CAUGHT PICKPOCKET  
AND SEARCHED HIM.



ALDERMAN LEVINE  
GETS SCOLDING FROM  
JUDGE ON THE BENCH

Officers of Furworkers' Union  
and 110 Witnesses in Lively  
Session Before Magistrate.

"What is this, a mass meeting?" inquired Magistrate Appleton at the opening of Jefferson Market Police Court to-day. The question was pertinent, for the courtroom was packed to the doors with a buzzing, restless aggregation of men and women.

"It is not a mass meeting," said a court officer. "Those people out there are witnesses or complainants. There are 110 witnesses here with subpoenas in one case—that of Abraham Altman against Isidor Cohen, A. J. Polkin, A. Shamroth and Harry Kornan, four officers of the Furmakers' Union."

In time the case of Abraham Altman against the union officers was called. Mr. Altman is senior member of the firm of Altman & Weinberg. No. 111 East Twenty-sixth street, and also a member of the Fur Manufacturers' Association, which recently passed through a bitter fight with the union.

Mr. Altman got summonses for the union officers some time ago, alleging that they had made efforts to force his employees to join the union of fur-makers. But Mr. Altman was not keen to prosecute to-day. He said he wanted to withdraw the complaint.

"If I press it," he declared, "my life would be made miserable. I would be in constant danger."

"That is the attitude of a coward," said Magistrate Appleton, half arising from his seat.

**THEN THE LAWYER GOT A  
SCOLDING.**

"Your Honor," broke in Alderman Max Levine, counsel for the Furmakers' Union. "I hope you won't let this man's talk prejudice you."

This was one of the most unfortunate remarks Alderman Levine ever made in his practice before the bar. Magistrate Appleton turned on him.

"I desire to inform you, sir," said the Court, heatedly, "that I am capable of controlling my own mind. I will permit no man in this community to accuse me of prejudice. I am not afraid of unions and I am not afraid of manufacturers."

"In this court the weak will receive the same measure of justice as the mighty and powerful. I want you to understand, sir, that if you ever impute prejudice to me again I shall take summary steps to punish you, even if you are a friend of mine."

Alderman Levine's attempt to square himself was laborious, but successful. Then Mr. Altman having repeated a desire to withdraw his complaint, Magistrate Appleton discharged the four defendants.

The 110 witnesses gathered on the sidewalk in front of the courthouse. A discussion about whether they would be paid for attendance even though they had not testified was developing into a riot when patrolmen ran from neighboring posts and dispersed the gathering.

**Linear Olympic Again in Service.**  
SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., April 2.—The steamship Olympic sailed from here to-day on her first transatlantic trip for six months during which she has been reconstructed and provided with a new inner skin and additional bulkheads.

## WILSON AGREES TO RECOGNIZE CHINA AT ONCE

Note From United States Ambassador  
knowledging New Republic  
Being Prepared by Bryan.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The United States Government has decided to recognize the new Chinese Republic. Secretary Bryan conferred with President Wilson for nearly an hour to-day at the White House completing the details, and a note is being prepared at the State Department to be addressed to China through the Chinese Minister here.

Whether it will be presented before the meeting of the constituent assembly next Tuesday or is intended to reach the Chinese Government on that date has not been disclosed, but the mere presentation of the note to the Chinese Minister and resumption of normal international relations with the Chinese Minister are regarded in diplomatic circles as tantamount to recognition.

The United States Government is anxious to show its friendliness toward China, and while there have been rumors that other nations might anticipate the action of this country and recognize China before the United States does, in official circles here it was believed that the United States would be found first to show its faith in the new Republic.

No formal announcement is expected from the Administration here until the Chinese Government is in receipt of the American Government's note.

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## SUGAR TARIFF BOTHERS WILSON; MAY COMPROMISE

President's Attention to Avoid  
Right on Congress Bill by  
Senators.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—President Wilson's attitude toward certain features of the new tariff bill was the subject of a conference to-day by the Democratic members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Chairman Underwood laid before the Committee the results of his talk with the President last night, during which the Chief Executive suggested several changes in the rates proposed by the Ways and Means Committee.

Such a provision, if Senate passed, would be advanced in the Senate in the hope of staying some of the opposition from Louisiana and some other States where Democratic forces have been lined up to fight any bill that gave sugar the free list.

The points upon which President Wilson has failed to agree with the House tariff makers are of sufficient importance to leave in doubt the time when the bill will be finally completed.

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